Yatri Niwases / Yatrikas at different tourist destinations. The Government also encourages private investment in the accommodation sector by providing fiscal incentives, subsidies and tax rebates, specially for inexpensive accommodation.

STATEMENT

Sl. No.	Name of the unit with location	Star category	Capacity		Present room tariff (in Rs.)	
			Rooms	Beds	Single a/c	Double a/c
1	2	3	4		5	
1.	Ashok Hotel New Delhi	*5 Star Deluxe	571	934	1800	1950
2.	Hotel Samrat New Delhi	*5 Star	247	486	1450	1600
3.	Qutab Hotel, New Delhi	*5 Star	92	220	950	1100
4.	Ashok Radisson Hotel, Bangalore	*5 Star	181	362	850	1000
5.	Ashok Radisson Lalitha Palace Hotel, Mysore	*5 Star	54	106	1100	1250
6.	Ashok Radisson Beach Resort, Kovalam	*5 Star	125	250	1100	1250
7.	Hotel Airport Ashok, Calcutta	*5 Star	149	298	1300	1450
8.	Hotel Agra Ashok, Agra	*5 Star	55	110	1050	1200
9.	Hotel Kanishka, New Delhi	*4 Star	317	634	1350	1500
10.	Hotel Janpath, New Delhi	*4 Star	213	360	800	950
11.	Hotel Varanasi Ashok, Varanasi	*4 Star	84	168	800	950
12.	Hotel Jaipur Ashok, Jaipur	*4 Star	63	126	800	950
13.	Laxmi Vilas Palace Hotel, Udaipur	*4 Star	54	108	900	1050
14.	Hotel Ranjit, New Delhi	*3 Star	186	226	395 (350)@	695 (550)@
15.	Lodhi Hotel, New Delhi	*3 Star	207	255	625	775
16.	Hotel Jammu Ashok, Jammu	*3 Star	48	96	525(300)@	675(425)@
17.	Hotel Khajuraho Ashok, Khajuraho	*3 Star	38	76	600	750
18.	Hotel Pataliputra Ashok, Patna	*3 Star	46	92	550	700
19.	Hotel Madurai Ashok, Madurai	*3 Star	43	86	395	695
20.	Temple Bay Ashok Beach Resort, Mamallapuram	*3 Star	22	44	395	695
21.	Hotel Bodhgaya Ashok, Bodhgaya	*3 Star	30	60	650	800
22.	Hotel Aurangabad Ashok, Aurangabad	*2 Star	66	132	395	695
23.	Hotel Kalinga Ashok, Bhubaneswar	*2 Star	64	128	395	695
24.	Hotel Hassan Ashok, Hassan	*1 Star	46	92	395(325)@	695(450)@
25.	Ashok Yatri Niwas, New Delhi	Economy Class	548	1238	— (180)@	—(250)@
		Total	3549	6687		

Construction of new metre gauge lines

3552. SHRI GIRGHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the comparative per Km. cost of conversion of meter guage line into broad gauge vis-a-vis the cost of contruction of new broad gauge line; and

(b) whether the Government propose to give priority to the construction of new metre gauge lines instead of converting the existing metre guage lines into broad gauge?

*As per Hotel and Restaurant Approval and Classification Committee.
@Figures shown in bracket indicate Non-A/C Tariff.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The present cost of conversion is Rs. 75 lakhs per km. and cost of new BG line per km. is Rs. 1 crore.

(b) No, Sir.

[*English*]

Electrification of Kharagpur-Khurda Section

3553. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA:
SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee constituted by the Government in April 1989 for the future programme of electrification of the Indian Railways have since submitted its report;

(b) if so, details thereof and the action proposed to be taken thereon; and

(c) the action taken / proposed to be taken for electrification of the Kharagpur-Khurda Section of the South-Eastern Railway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Out of about 10,000 RKMS proposed to the Committee by Zonal Railways, the Committee have recommended electrification of 2510 RKMS spread over the period 1990-2005. Planning Commission have advised the Ministry of Railways that the recommendations of the committee will form one of the inputs while formulating plan proposals for Railway electrification. Electrification proposals are now being processed on techno economic merits and operational requirements on a section by section basis.

(c) In view of resources constraint and relative priorities for electrification there is, at present, no proposal to electrify Kharagpur-Khurda Road Section.

Foreign Contracts by IRCON

3554. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of countries where the Indian Railway Construction Company Limited (IRCON) has contracts to implement different projects; and

(b) the strength of workforce deployed by it and the source of man-power for such projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The Indian Railway Construction Company Limited (IRCON) has contracts in Algeria, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Iraq, Malaysia, Nepal, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Zambia.

(b) The number of personnel deployed by IRCON, for these projects, from India is 295.

Expansion of Bhubaneswar Airport

3555. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA:
SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bhubaneswar Airport is equipped to receive chartered flights;

(b) if not, whether the Government of Orissa has submitted any proposal in this connection and if so, the action taken / proposed to be taken thereon;

(c) the steps taken / proposed to be taken for expansion of the runway at Bhubaneswar airport; and

(d) the details of action plans to make at least one Airport of each State capable of handling international flights?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Bhubaneshwar airport can receive chartered flights upto Boeing 737 / A-320 aircraft type.

(b) The Government of Orissa has sought the extension of the runway at Bhubaneshwar airport to 9000 feet to enable the airport to receive wide bodied aircraft.

(c) The National Airports Authority has already extended the runway from 5850 feet to 7441 feet at a cost of Rs. 8.87 crores. As a result, the airport is now available for operation of Airbus A-320 aircraft. Further extension of the runway to 9000 feet depends on State Government making available nearly 70 acres of land free of cost and carrying out diversion of roads and electric lines, as well as resources being available with